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Situation Report

Severe Storms with Tornadoes and Flash Flooding

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President Bush visited southwest Missouri on Tuesday to observe recovery operations that continue from last week's tornados and severe storms. 19 people lost their lives throughout the state as a result of these storms, while hundreds of homes and businesses sustained damage. **This will be the last situation report on this event, however, SEMA will be producing a separate report daily on recovery activities.**

FEDERAL/STATE ACTIONS

SEMA and FEMA continue work on opening Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in several communities throughout the disaster area. Locations for Disaster Recovery Centers that are operational are as follows:

St Mary's Catholic Church
7566 Jackson
Pierce City, MO

Antioch Mall
5312 Chouteau Trafficway
Kansas City, MO

Church of Latter Day Saints
Hwy 39 South
Stockton, MO

Disaster Recovery Centers that will open later this week are as follows:

First Baptist Church
5010 S Hwy FF
Battlefield, MO
Scheduled to open on 5/14

Christian Church
103 Hodge St
Carl Junction, MO
Scheduled to open on 5/15

Old 1st National Bank Bldg
108 S Hickory
Mt Vernon, MO
Scheduled to open on 5/16

SEMA and FEMA are reviewing potential sites in Polk, Cape Girardeau, Camden, and Jefferson Counties for additional Disaster Recovery Centers.

Joint SEMA/FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) were conducted Tuesday in the following counties: Cole, Howard, Lewis, and Pike. Infrastructure damage assessments are scheduled to continue on Wednesday in Clay, Howard, Lewis, and Platte Counties.

SEMA has also begun conducting Public Assistance briefings for representatives of local governments who may wish to have their jurisdictions apply for aid under the FEMA Public Assistance program. Briefings were conducted Tuesday in Carthage, Platte City, and Springfield. Wednesday's briefing schedule is as follows:

Blue River Community College
20301 E Hwy 78 Room 104
Independence, MO
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Camden County Courthouse
#1 Court Circle (3rd Floor, Main Courtroom)
Camdenton, MO
Time: 9:30 a.m.

SEMA is coordinating locations for additional briefings to be held in Cape Girardeau and Jefferson Counties. The briefing times and locations are expected to be announced later this week.

SEMA is conducting a meeting to help coordinate the efforts of State and Federal agencies that are involved with housing, business, and agriculture issues. The meeting will be held Thursday at the Disaster Field Office in Springfield.

Other State Agency Actions:

Department of Corrections: Inmates have been assisting in Pierce City and Stockton with cleaning up areas damaged by the storms.

Department of Natural Resources: *DNR - Environmental Assistance Office* has been addressing the debris removal and permit process for burning debris and other environmental issues.

Department of Health and Human Services: DHSS has been monitoring the state's hospital systems for disaster related diseases that may appear in the post-storm time period. They are assisting communities in testing water and monitoring health conditions in disaster areas.

Department of Mental Health: Through contract providers is offering crisis-counseling services in ARC shelters throughout Missouri. Mental Health crisis hotline has been proffering services. One community provider for MRDD (Mental Retardation – Developmentally Disabled) clients was damaged in Stockton, Missouri. DMH is working on an application for a FEMA immediate services grant (ISG). Disaster mental Health training will be provided for ministers in southeast Missouri today.

Department of Public Safety: *Missouri State Highway Patrol* has been assisting with security as needed. *Missouri Water Patrol* has been providing officers to assist with security in Stockton.

Department of Social Services: *Social Services – Division of Family Services* are assisting in the coordination of mass care and supporting community collaboration efforts.

Department of Transportation: MODOT has been providing support to local communities through debris removal assistance.

Shelters: Canton – United Methodist Church was opened on Saturday.

Forecast: National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center says there is a slight risk of severe weather in much of southern and eastern Missouri on Wednesday. The risk area is generally south and east of the Highway 54 corridor and includes St Louis, Jefferson City, and Springfield. Storms are expected to develop this afternoon and this evening that could produce strong winds, damaging hail, and/ or localized flooding. Highs on Wednesday will be in the 70s. A chance of thunderstorms is also in the forecast for Thursday, with highs remaining in the 70s.

Deaths by County (Confirmed) – No new reports.

Barton County – 1
Camden County - 3
Cedar County – 3
Christian County – 1
Dallas County - 2
Greene County - 1
Jasper County - 2
Lawrence County - 5
Monroe County - 1

Total - 19

TORNADO DONATION CENTERS ESTABLISHED

Members of the National service program AmeriCorps have partnered with Missouri's State Emergency Management Agency and the Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MOVOAD) to coordinate the donations across the state. People wishing to donate items to tornado victims are encouraged to call one of the following three areas **BEFORE SENDING DONATIONS**. Anyone wishing to donate time is encouraged to volunteer as a part of a previously organized group and should **call the center prior to the date they wish to volunteer.**

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI – (12 Counties) call the South West Missouri Donations Center at 1-800-489-8183 seven days a week between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WESTERN MISSOURI (Kansas City Area) call the Help Line (Salvation Army) at (816) 221-1525, Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

EASTERN MISSOURI (St. Louis, Cape, Hannibal, etc) call the Salvation Army at (314) 771-7366 Monday – Friday between 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Points of Contact: SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.